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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11(Cancelled).

12(New). A cylinder head gasket for an internal combustion engine, insertable for the sealing of components which has at least one of these, with at least one T-junction formed region, having at least one functional position and at least one distance position as well as at least one additional gasket element, which is provided in the region of the T-junction wherein the distance position is provided at least in the region of the T-position with at least one recessed region serving for the intake of the additional gasket element.

13(New). A cylinder head gasket of claim 12 wherein the gasket element protrudes over the recessed region in the direction of at least one of the sealed components.

14(New). A cylinder head gasket of claim 12 wherein the distance position in the region of the gasket element is associated with at least one functional position, which is provided on the gasket element-side with a recess.

15(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 14, wherein the recessed region has a larger cross-section than the recess.

16(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 15, wherein at least a part of the recess is provided above the recessed region and is essentially parallel thereto.

17(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 11, wherein the recessed region is generally oval in form.

18(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 11, wherein the gasket element is arranged in such a way in the recessed region that is partially supports itself on boundary regions of the recessed region.

19(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 18, wherein the gasket element is arranged in the recessed region without contact to the boundaries of the recessed region.

20(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 18, wherein the gasket element is arranged in such a way in the recessed region that it is adjacent to partial regions of the boundary regions of the recessed region and is at least partially outside of the recessed region supporting itself on the distance position protruding above the boundary regions.

21(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 11, wherein the region of the gasket element turned towards recess of the functional position at least one hollow is provided to the recess.

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22(New). A cylinder head gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket element comprises at least one silicone worm introduced in the recessed region.